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Community Action Partnership Executive Director Wins Award

(San Bernardino) The Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County (CAPSBC) Board of Directors, management and staff would like to congratulate Patricia L. Nickols, CAPSBC Executive Director, for receiving the 2004 Inland Empire Leaders of Distinction Lifetime Achievement Award. The luncheon and award ceremony was held on July 31, 2004 at the Riverside Convention Center.

Patricia L. Nickols began her service to the community thirty years ago by joining CAPSBC (formerly known as Community Services Department). As a front-line worker, Ms. Nickols was instrumental in the development of new programs, funding sources, policies, staffing and other changes affecting the organization's service to the community. In May 1992, she became the agency's twelfth Executive Director.

"I am humbled by this award and share this recognition with the Board of Directors and all of our staff", said Patricia L. Nickols. "Their dedication and commitment to excellence has helped us to provide unparalleled service to the people we serve."

Under Patricia L. Nickols' leadership, Community Action Partnership has experienced unprecedented change and growth. CAPSBC's programs and services have expanded serving over 800,000 low-income families and individuals, elderly, homeless and disadvantaged residents of San Bernardino County each year. The annual budget has grown from \$4,402,796 in 1992 to \$15,066,382 in 2004. Today, CAPSBC has over 170 full-time employees.

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“I have had the pleasure of working with Patricia over the last two decades in alleviating poverty in our County. She has built an organizational team of caring professionals, dedicated to helping people and changing lives, “ said Michael J. Gallo, CAPSBC Board Chairperson. “Patricia models a leadership and motivational style that both inspires and challenges the organization to continue to excel in providing quality services and treating people with dignity and respect.”

The Leaders of Distinction is one of the most prestigious awards in the region. Awards are given in six categories: Lifetime Achievement, Leadership (private, public and nonprofit), Innovation/Pioneer and Humanitarian.

Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County (CAPSBC) is a private non-profit public benefit corporation. CAPSBC is one of the 1,000 Community Action Agencies nationwide dedicated to assisting low-income individuals and families become stable and self-sufficient. The vision of CAPSBC is “thinking globally, acting locally to build healthy communities one family at a time. CAPSBC is charged with serving over 800,000 low-income families and individuals, elderly, homeless and disadvantaged residents of San Bernardino County each year.

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